

## THE TOBACCO GROWERS MEET

Large Gathering of Green River Tobacco Association

All Sacred Intent on Getting Good Prices and Keeping The Peace.

The Green River District Tobacco Growers' association held at Owensboro last Thursday was largely attended by delegates and others and the meeting devoted itself almost wholly to the proposed constitution and by-laws of the proposed new organization of the tobacco growers. The proposals were accepted with very few alterations. It is probable that the only alteration made that will cause discussion or disagreement when the home warrents people or the independent growers come to adopt the rules is that which suggests that the name be altered to give the association an Equity parcentage.

### PRELIMINARY MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by President John Cullen at 10 a. m. He stated that this was a regular meeting of the A. S. of District association. The report had gone out that the meeting was a mass meeting. This was a mistake though there might be arrangements made for a mass meeting later. However, he said many locals had become dissatisfied in the matter of dues and, with the consent of the body, he would advise the committee on credentials to admit delegates from all locals whether in good standing or not. The counties were next asked to get together and report on their delegates and they did this. The report showed representatives present from all the counties of the district.

A conference committee of nine members from each of the three tobacco growers organizations met at 10 a. m. Friday and spent most of the day in discussing all features of the proposed plan for consolidation. There was a full representation of all the elements and there was a full discussion of many details on which there was some difference of opinion.

Joseph Crabtree was made chairman of the meeting and J. R. Weller, of Owensboro, was chosen as secretary. Following were the committees:

Committee on the constitution—J. P. Crabtree, J. R. Weller, M. F. Schaefer, R. L. Birch, S. B. Lee, T. H. Henson, V. L. Stetler, Henry Schaefer, W. E. Hume, H. F. Ray.

Finance committee—J. D. Jeffrey, James Hume, Ben Huebner, Hiram McWhorter, G. R. Hines, James Snyder, George M. Thompson, George M. Taylor.

Independent growers—J. P. Crabtree, William Gibson, S. B. Berry, J. A. Harrison, Green Crabtree, Jesse Green, Casper Goetz, S. R. Ewing, James Wilson.

Following is the proposed constitution of the new organization.

### THE CONSTITUTION.

The name of this organization shall be the Green River Tobacco Growers' association.

It shall be composed of the tobacco growers of Breckenridge, Daviess, Harroard, McLean, and Ohio counties, Kentucky, and Spencer and Warrick counties, Indiana, and such other counties as may be admitted by this association.

The purpose and object of this association is to represent its members in handling grading and marketing of their tobacco and to control the production when deemed necessary and to obtain for its members all the advantages to be derived from co-operation.

Any person is eligible to membership in this association who is a grower of tobacco, or is in sympathy with the object of the association, providing that a country shall have the right to exclude from its membership any person whom it may deem undesirable as a member. It is further provided that persons who grow tobacco and do not pledge it to the association are ineligible to membership, and it is further provided that only those who are engaged in the growing of tobacco, or own land upon which tobacco is grown shall be entitled to vote.

Signers hereto are charter members of the association.

The principal office or place of business of this association shall be Owensboro, Ky.

### THE BY LAWS.

The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and a board of control.

The president and vice president and secretary-treasurer shall be elected by the association at the April meeting.

The board of control shall be composed of the president of the association and one member from each county for each 3,000,000 pounds of tobacco or major fraction thereof con-

trolled by the association in said county.

Except that for the year 1908 the board shall be composed of two members from Breckenridge five from Daviess two from Hancock, two from McLean, two from Ohio counties, Ky., and two members from Spencer and one from Warrick counties, Ind.

Each county shall have at least one member of the board of control regardless of the number of pounds pooled.

A majority of the members of the board when the majority of the counties are represented shall constitute a quorum.

The member or members of the board of control to which each county is entitled shall be elected at the March meeting of the county.

Except for the year 1908 they shall be elected by a mass meeting of the tobacco growers of the district which shall be held in Owensboro Ky., on the 18th day of April, 1908, at which time each county delegate may instruct as to what members it desires to serve on the board.

### COUNTY ORGANIZATION.

Each county in this association shall have an organization composed of delegates from each voting precinct, each precinct being allowed one delegate for each 20,000 pounds of tobacco controlled.

Each county organization shall at the regular March meeting elect such officers as they may deem necessary.

Due notice having been given any county organization may for just causes at any regular meeting remove any of its officers or members of the board of control.

The representation of such county in the association shall be based upon the amount of tobacco controlled by the association in that county for the previous year.

In the meeting of the association each county shall be allowed one delegate for every 100,000 pounds of tobacco controlled in the county.

The board of control may at any time admit other counties into the association when it appears to them to be discreet to do so.

The total amount collected on tobacco for all expenses shall not exceed one per cent of the selling price.

The constitution and by laws may be changed at any special or regular meeting, if 15 days notice of the meeting and proposed change be given by the president of the association.

### OFFICIAL DUTIES.

The duties of the president and vice president shall be such as usually is required of such officers.

The secretary-treasurer shall perform the duties that belong to this office he shall receive all money belonging to the association, giving a receipt therefor and pay out same only as ordered by the board of control. He shall give such bond as the board of control shall require and shall at each April meeting furnish an itemized account of money received and expended.

The board of control shall have general charge of the affairs of the association shall make all contracts for the handling and sale of all tobacco, and shall have power to employ such agents in the management of the association as they may deem advisable, shall determine the compensation of all officers and employees and in general shall have the power to do all things that shall promote the welfare of the association and its members providing that the board of control announce all sales and within 10 days after such announcement any county shall have the right by a two-thirds vote to reject any sale made for it.

The members of the board of control shall be compensated only for such time as they are actually in the service of the association which shall not exceed \$3 per day and necessary expenses in connection with the meeting of said board.

### TIME OF MEETING.

The regular meeting of the association shall be held on the first Thursday of January, April, July and October of each year.

The president may at any time call a meeting of the association, giving 10 days notice thereof and on the request of three counties he shall be required to do so.

The regular meetings of the county organizations shall be held on the last Saturday of March, June, September and December of each year.

All officers shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified, unless removed as here provided and no officer shall serve for more than two years consecutively.

No person shall be eligible to hold an office in this association who holds office in any other tobacco association or in a corporation engaged in the handling or selling of tobacco.

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## ROAD BUILDING FOR KENTUCKY

Bosworth-Wyatt Amendment Will Permit Millions to

Be Spent In Public Highway Construction--To be Voted on Next Year

When Gov. Willson signed the Bosworth-Wyatt bill providing for a constitutional amendment, he made possible the submission of a proposition to the people of Kentucky that will mark an epoch in the State and be of far-reaching effect.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution pledges the credit of the State to counties in building public roads and highways and provides that the various counties may issue bonds to the extent of 5 per cent. of the total assessed valuation of property for taxation for the purpose of building public roads and their maintenance. This is a most radical departure, as under the present Constitution each county is limited in its indebtedness for all purposes to 2 per cent. of its assessed valuation.

The measure as first introduced fixed 10 per cent. as the amount to which each county could contract a bonded indebtedness for road building purposes, but this was regarded by many Senators as entirely too much and the limit was cut down by amendment to 5 per cent. in which shape it passed the House and was approved by the Governor.

The amendment will be voted on at the regular election to be held in November, 1909, the Constitution stipulating that amendments must be voted on at an election for members of the Legislature. This is the only constitutional amendment that was authorized to be submitted by the late session of the General Assembly. Another amendment, providing for a change in the system of taxation and demanded by all the business organizations in the State, failed to get through the House. Under the law only two constitutional amendments can be submitted to the people in one year.

Should the Bosworth-Wyatt amendment be ratified by the people it will signalize the beginning of an era of road building in Kentucky the like of which has never been dreamed of, and will result in placing Kentucky in the front rank of States with a modern system of highways. In the event that the amendment is adopted the succeeding Legislature will enact a statute in conformity with its provisions and to carry it into effect. It is contemplated to create a State Highway Commission to supervise the building of roads which will be in charge of expert highway engineers.

Gov. Willson in his last special message to the Legislature called attention to this proposed amendment to the Constitution and the lasting benefit that would be derived by such a change in the organic law, providing for State aid to road building. It is argued by the advocates of the amendment that the crying needs of the State are good roads and education. They claim that these go hand in hand and one cannot be attained without the other.

Under the workings of this amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky, a county with an assessed property valuation of \$10,000,000 will be enabled to incur a debt of a half million dollars to extent and perfect its road system. When the matter was discussed in the Legislature, the serious handicap under which the people of the mountain section of the State and other localities labor because of their inability to have modern roads, was fully brought out, and to this condition was attributed the cause of illiteracy so prevalent in the sections without good roads facilities.

### Maud Muller Revised.

Maud Muller on a summer's day with her fellow ran away, in a benzine touring car scooted to a preacher far. Her father saw the fleeting pair—smelled the benzine scented air; caught a mule whose name was Jane, and galloped down the dusty lane; the mobile very swiftly ran but burned the oil all out the can. The motor stopped upon the hill, but Jane ran on just fit to kill. Alas for maid, alas for man, for the empty benzine can. Maud's daddy on the old gray mule came and took her off to school. The mule nigh wrecked the benzine cart; the fellow died of a broken heart. The moral of this tale so sad: "Don't steal the girl, go ask her dad."

### Coops For Chicks.

Young chicks should not be allowed to run at large with the hen, as she will carry them out in the wet grass and even during the day she may get caught so far from shelter that a rainstorm will drown many of her chicks. Build a coop about five feet long three feet wide and two feet

high, with a small opening at end through which the hen can pass to a box where the brood can roost and be under shelter. Any kind of a box two feet square will serve the purpose by simply cutting an opening in the end to correspond with the opening in the coop. The chicks will pass out through the slate and hustle around for some distance outside, but at the approach of danger they quickly return to the coop. Change the location of the coop every few days so that the ground will not become foul. Many of these coops can be placed around under the trees and the chicks grow fast and are less trouble than if the hens have their liberty.

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### Sullivan-Wilkins School Law.

A law was passed by the recent Legislature which revolutionizes the public school system. A full synopsis of the law follows:

Sec. I. Each county shall compose one school district, excepting graded and city schools.

Sec. II. Within thirty days after this act takes effect the County Superintendent, County Judge, and County Attorney shall divide the county into four, six or eight educational divisions, containing as nearly as possible an equal number of children including both white and colored children, then sub-divide each division into school districts, so as not to effect any graded or city school district. Each sub-district shall include all children both white and colored, residing in said district and in no case fewer than forty pupil children and no sub-district to receive per capita on fewer than fifty white children, nor more than one hundred white children for the payment of one teacher.

Sec. II. On the first Saturday in August next an election shall be held in each sub-district to elect one trustee who shall hold office for two years. Any person is eligible to this office who is over twenty-one, a resident of the district sixty days before the election, and who can show a certificate from five reputable persons that he can read and write.

Sec. III. The election for trustee shall be by ballot, ballots to be furnished by the County Clerk and paid for out of the county levy. No candidates name shall be placed on the ballot except by petition of ten votes of his district, said petition to be filed with the County Clerk ten days before the election. The election officers shall certify the returns to the County Superintendent within five days after the election.

Sec. IV. The County Superintendent shall within thirty days after the election organize the trustees of the sub-district in each educational division into a division board with a Chairman and Secretary.

Sec. V. The trustee in each sub-district shall supervise its school, report, its needs and make recommendations in writing to the division board which shall refer these to the County Board which recommendation on same.

The trustee of such sub-district, in the month of April of each year shall report to the County Superintendent a complete census of pupil children and receive as compensation five cents for each pupil child reported.

Sec. VI. Each division board shall meet on the last Saturday in June following the election of trustees and elect one teacher for each school in its educational division for one year. A majority of the members of such board shall be necessary to the election of any teacher for any sub-district. All application for positions in the schools shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board in the division in which a school is taught, contracts shall be signed in duplicate by the teacher and the Chairman and Secretary of the division Board.

Sec. VII. The Chairman of the several educational division boards and the County Superintendent shall constitute a County Board of education.

Sec. VIII. Within two years after the passage and approval of this act each County Board of education shall establish one or more county schools in which pupils completing the rural school course shall have free tuition provided there is not already existing in the county a high school of the first-class.

Sec. IX. The County Board of Education shall estimate and levy before the Fiscal Court of the county shall levy a tax for school purposes not to exceed twenty cents on each hundred dollars of taxable property and a capitation tax not to exceed one dollar, and the Sheriff shall collect this tax as other taxes and turn it over to the County Superintendent who shall act as treasurer of the County Board. The County Board shall expend said fund for the building, repairing and equipping of school houses by purchase and condemnation of ne-

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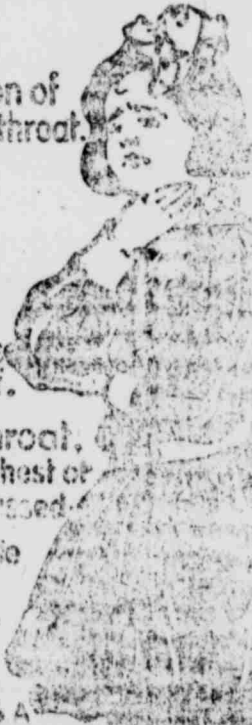
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Board. Sec. XV. The County Board shall meet on the first Saturday in September following the enactment of this law and at such times as the County Superintendent may direct. Each member of the County Board shall receive three dollars for each day's service, but no member shall be paid for more than twelve day's service in one year.

Sec. XVI. The Chairman of each division board shall report in writing, to the County Board, the exact status of educational affairs in his division at least twice each year.

Sec. XVII. The County Board shall have power to consolidate sub-districts with reference to needs of either white or colored children.

No trustee or member of the County Board of education shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract for purchase of land, erection or repair of any school house, the furnishing of supplies or equipments or the employment of any teacher, and said officer so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding six months and shall forfeit his office.

Sec. XVIII. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. XIV. When county high schools are established they shall be